

Mr John Brown By email

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Dear Mr Brown

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your email dated 10 January 2017 in which you made the following request for information in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

"Can you supply all letters from Sheriff Principle Brian Lockhart and the previous Chief Constable Stephen House?"

The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service do not hold any information. The Judicial Office for Scotland does hold information. The information held is the text of the correspondence between Sir Stephen House and Sheriff Principal Lockhart that was released by Police Scotland in response to a Freedom of Information Request. Accordingly we are content to release the content of the correspondence and I enclose a copy of the exchange of letters.

Should you feel dissatisfied with this decision or the manner in which your request has been handled, the Act provides for a review process to be conducted. Should you wish to take advantage of this process you may apply in writing for a review. Your request should provide details of why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter to:-

The Freedom of Information Officer Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Headquarters N1 Spur Saughton House **Broomhouse Drive** Edinburgh. **EH11 3XD**

e-mail: foi@scotcourts.gov.uk

Following that review should you still feel dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Scottish Information Commissioner at the following address:-

Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife **KY16 9DS**

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Yours Sincerely

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